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## Irregular Conduct Of Customs Nippon Staff Said To Be Curbed

Warning has been served on the Japanese staff of the Chinese Maritime Customs by Commissioner L. H. Lawford in connection with the illegal boarding and search of foreign vessels, a Chinese report said yesterday.

While official confirmation of the report could not be obtained, it was learned, however, that a meeting of the Commissioner with the Japanese staff occurred last Saturday.

The report indicated that Mr. Lawford disapproved of such acts

of the Japanese and recently conducted a personal investigation of charges against his staff.

At the Saturday meeting, the Japanese were reported to have been told that they must observe the rules of the Customs service. Special measures would be taken if the violations of the rules were continued, he was alleged to have said.

Regarding the illegal boarding and search of vessels, the report stated that foreign steamship companies were considering means of checking such unlawful practices.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.

S. Headquarters

S. P. O. No. S. D. 784

REPORT

Date March 10, 1939

Subject (in full) Arrest of terrorist suspect by the River Police.

Made by D.S.I. Umemoto

Forwarded by D.I.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions, I have called on Mr. Higuchi, Judicial Officer of the Japanese Naval Tribunal, and learned from him that Fang Yue Be (方有培), who was arrested by the River Police on 25/2/39 aboard the s.s. Ave Maria, was released on 27/2/39 and that nothing of a useful information was obtained to assist us in locating local terrorists.

A report on this subject was made by D.S. Kamashita of the Special Branch, a copy of which is attached herewith for your information.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. I.

D. C. (S.P.O.).

D. C. (Crime).

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March 3, 1939.

Reported arrest of terrorist suspect by the River Police.

With reference to the attached translation from the "Tairiku Shimpō" dated March 2, 1939, regarding the reported arrest of a Chinese terrorist suspect, I have to state that a male Chinese named Fang Yeu Be (方有培); aged 21, was arrested by a search party belonging the River Police at 11.05 p.m. February 25, 1939, on board the s.s. Ave Maria, which was berthed at No. 5 S.M.P. Pontoon. He was found in possession of two packages containing pamphlets and Chinese military uniforms, etc.,

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Whilst Fang was waiting aboard the vessel for Yau he was arrested and taken to the River Police Station. Efforts to find Y<sub>an</sub> were unavailing.

The two bundles in question contained the following articles:-

- 1 military cap and badge.
- 2 army leather belts.
- 2 pairs of shoes ( 1 canvas and 1 Chinese).
- 1 pair of khaki breeches.
- 1 pair of army putties.

2 military uniforms (1 summer and 1 winter).

1 white cloth cover for a machine gun with  
Chinese characters.

6 pieces Chinese underwear.

10 printed pamphlets of a political nature  
and brass Chinese military buttons.

The arrested man and the seized property were later  
handed over to the Japanese Naval authorities at 80 Hannon  
Road and interrogated again but no charge was preferred and  
he was released on February 27, the property being confiscated.

MEMO.

Command

Sir,

Information:



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D.C. Special Branch.

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branches

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Forwarded by

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*H. Kamashita*  
D. S.

*DR*  
P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

D.C. (Special Branch).



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LOCAL NEWS AND TRANSLATION SERVICE  
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SHEET 6

No. 4

WATER POLICE SEIZE  
TERRORISM SUSPECT

INTO THE DRAGNET AGAINST TERRORISTS SPREAD BY THE  
RIVER POLICE OF THE SHANGHAI MARITIME CUSTOMS, RAN AN UNNAME  
CHINESE YOUTH ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT AS HE WAS ABOUT TO LAND  
FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED PORTUGUESE VESSEL. THE  
TAIRIKU SHIMPO SAID YESTERDAY. (THU) ANOTHER CHINESE  
SUSPECT, BELIEVED TO BE AN ACCOMPLICE OF THE PRISONER,  
ESCAPED, THE JAPANESE DAILY REPORTED.

SEIZED ON THE PERSON AND IN THE BAGGAGE OF THE  
PRISONER, THE TAIRIKU SHIMPO STATED, WERE INSTRUCTIONS  
REGARDING TERRORISM SIGNED BY GEN. CHIANG KAI-SHEK,  
ANTI-JAPANESE HANDBILLS AND "SECRET DOCUMENTS." THE  
MAN WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE COME HERE FROM CHUNGKING TO ESTABLISH  
CONTACT WITH TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED HERE. HE WORE  
WHITE UNDERWEAR, WHICH THE PAPER SAID, WAS THE UNIFORM  
OF THE "PATRIOTIC AND LOYAL SOCIETY."

THE ARREST WAS CARRIED OUT BY JAPANESE MEMBERS  
OF THE RIVER POLICE, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY.

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## SHANGHAI TIMES.

MAR 3 1939

**TERRORIST ARRESTED  
BY RIVER POLICE****Instructions From Gen.  
Chiang Said Found  
On Prisoner**

Into the dragnet against terrorists spread by the River Police of the Shanghai Maritime Customs ran an unnamed Chinese youth on Wednesday night as he was about to land from an unidentified Portuguese vessel, the "Tairiku Shimpu" said yesterday. Another Chinese suspect, believed to be an accomplice of the prisoner, escaped, the Japanese daily reported.

Seized on the person and in the baggage of the prisoner, the "Tairiku Shimpu" stated were instructions regarding terrorism signed by General Chiang Kai-shek, anti-Japanese handbills, and "secret documents." The man was believed to have come to Shanghai from Chungking to establish contact with terrorist organizations located here. He wore white underwear, which the paper said was the uniform of the "Patriotic and Loyal Society."

The arrest was carried out by Japanese members of the River Police, according to the daily.

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# Special Branch

Misc. 674/39

"AN"  
Central  
21/7/39

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Interference by a private of the Japanese  
Gendarmerie with passengers landing on  
No. 1 Pontoon.

Sir,

At 7.45p.m. on July 21st a telephone message was received at this station from Mr. Sullivan, Police Sub-Station, No. 4 Pontoon, the Bund, to the effect that the services of a foreign and Japanese detectives were required by S.I. Biggs at No. 1 Pontoon as a Japanese Gendarmerie was preventing Chinese passengers to disembark from a boat. D.P.S. Yoshinaga and the undersigned attended and from enquiries made it appears that Corp. .V. Kii, of the Japanese Gendarmerie on duty on No. 1 Pontoon put up a wooden barrier of the P.W.D. across the gangway of the pontoon and prevented passengers of the "S.S. Naim Kiang" to go ashore.

J.P.C.s 39 and 42 of the River Police, who came on duty on the pontoon to supervise the landing of the passengers, then explained to Corp. .V. Kii that the passengers should be allowed to go ashore and the barrier then was removed.

D.P.S. Yoshinaga asked Corp. .V. Kii to explain the reason for putting up the barrier as stated above,

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but the latter denied that he interfered with the passengers.

It appears to the undersigned that the man put up the barrier with intent to prevent the rush of the passengers of the "Hsien Kiang" to go ashore, but his actions were misunderstood and he could not explain what he wished when he moved the barrier and closed the passage for passengers along the gangway.

*W. H. Duncan*  
SEN. DET. i/c 22/7.

*V. G. G. G.*  
D. S. I.

D. L. O. "A"

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

## REPORT

Central Station,

Date 21st July 1939

Subject: Passengers prevented by Japanese Gardarmaric to land from S.S.  
Hsingkiangnan on to Municipal Pontoon No.1

Made by S.I. H. Blaga Forwarded by *[Signature]*

Sir,

I beg to report that on the arrival of the S.S. Hsingkiangnan at 7.40.p.m. 21/7/39 at No. 1 Pontoon I observed a Japanese in plain clothes ordering the passengers not to alight from the boat.

There were 299 passengers on the boat at the time and apparently some of them did not hear the order given, with the result that some of them jumped off and made for the barrier where the search party C.P.Cs were waiting, the Japanese in question immediately rushed to the barrier and prevented the passengers from passing through.

The undersigned who was in plain clothes at the time arresting loiterers, asked the Japanese the reason for preventing the passengers from passing through and he replied "wait a while" (In Chinese), seeing that the Japanese could not speak English, I requested Supervisor Barrett attached to the Revenue Office who was there at the time to inform Inspector Sullivan at No 4 Pontoon and to telephone to Central Station for a Foreign and Japanese detective.

After a few minutes, two members of the River Police (Japanese) Nos 39 and 42 arrived at No.1 Pontoon by way of the Bund and immediately informed the passengers of the boat to pass through the barrier, these were also questioned as to the reason for preventing the passengers from landing on the pontoon but could not speak sufficient English but understood that I was a Sub Inspector attached to the Municipal Police, and then left.

On arrival of D.S.I. Ovsiannikoff and D.C.

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Yoshinaga, the Japanese in question denied preventing the passengers from landing and produced a card to the effect that he was a member of the Japanese Gendarmerie.

At the time that the passengers were prevented from landing on the pontoon and passing through the barrier, the following were present, two members of the S.V.C. (Russian), two C.P.Cs on Search Party and Supervisor Barrett attached to the Revenue Office.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

*W. S. J. J.*  
Sub Inspector

D.C. (Special Branch).

D.O. "A"

# Special Branch

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Misc. No. 610/39.

Central

July 6th.

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5.15pm. - 5.40pm.

No.1 Pontoon.

6-7-39.

River Police.

Japanese Military Police functioning on board the s.s. "Kumole" tied up to No.1 Pontoon, The Bund.

At 5.15pm. on the 6/7/39 a telephone message was received from F.P.S. 47 Dacca to the effect that a male Chinese had been arrested by Japanese Gendarmes on board the s.s. "Kumole" which was tied up to No.1 Pontoon, The Bund.

The undersigned accompanied by D.P.S. Yoshinaga and C.D.S. JIS attended and learned that one named *Wyl To Vang* (嚴子文), 21, Leong Hsu, other particulars unknown, had been taken into custody by the Japanese Authorities.

Further enquiries ascertained that Corporal Shigehiro Nisawa and 5 other members attached to the Japanese Military Police Headquarters assisted by P.C. Mita attached to the River Police boarded the s.s. "Kumole" at 5.05pm. whilst the ship was discharging cargo at No.1 Pontoon, and apprehended *Wyl To Vang*. The person arrested was afterwards taken down the river on board a launch.

It was further ascertained by D.P.S. Yoshinaga that 3 other Chinese arrested by the Japanese Authorities on the 5/7/39 on board the s.s. "Kumole" (Please see Central Misc. 606/39) had furnished

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certain information re. a case of piracy which led  
to the apprehension of Nyl Ts Wang.

D.O."A" and D.D.O."A" informed.

*D. S. Harris*  
D. S.

*Whuncan*  
Sen. Det. i/c. 7/1

D. D. O. "A".



*at Special Branch*

"A"

Misc. No. 605/39.

Central  
July 5th,

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1.

Japanese Gondamerie functioning  
at No. 1 Pontoon

At 4.10p.m. 5-7-39 a telephone message was received from Insp. Lees to the effect that the S.S. "Romdo" had berthed at No. 1 Pontoon, The Bund, and that members of the Japanese Gondamerie were present who refused permission to the passengers to land.

D.S.I.s Garsley and Kobayashi attended but found everything quiet upon arrival with passengers disembarking in the usual manner.

Enquiries by detectives ascertained that the ship berthed at 3.55p.m., and officers attached to the Japanese Gondamerie were then present at the Pontoon having received information to the effect that pirates were known to be on board. Passengers were refused permission to land until the Japanese had searched the ship. The Japanese Gondamers then went on board and took into custody two male and one female Chinese, names and other particulars unknown. Det. Sergeant Kacham attached to the Customs River Police attended and informed D.S.I. Kobayashi that the arrested persons would first be taken to the River Police Station for enquiries before being handed over <sup>to</sup> the Japanese Gondamerie.

Disembarkation had been held up for a period of

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approximately ten minutes.

The Japanese Constabulary were functioning in plain clothes.

D.S.I. Kobayashi has been instructed to obtain any further data possible regarding the arrests made.

D.O. "A" and D.D.O. "A" informed.

*W. Duncan*  
Sec. 1/3. 6/7.

*W. J. H. H. H.*  
D. S. I.

D.D.O. "A" Div.

*Special Branch*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. <i>906</i>
Date _____
"A"

Misc.No.671/39.

Central  
July 20,

39.

1.

Arrest of a male Chinese at No.12 Pontoon  
by members of the River Police.

Sir,

At 1.10p.m. July 18, 1939, P.S. Blakely telephoned the Station reporting that a male Chinese had been arrested at No.12 Pontoon, The Bund by a Foreigner and two Japanese.

Subsequent investigations revealed that those functioning at the pontoon were Detective Mansfield, Detective Kasahara and Chinese Detective Constable 187 of the River Police.

Detective Mansfield was interviewed and stated that the man had been arrested on information received by Detective Kasahara from a Chinese informer that he (accused) was a receiver of stolen scrap-iron.

The arrested man was taken to the River Police Hulk at the Customs Jetty where he was being held pending investigations.

He is one named Zou Yee Fuh (曹子芳); age 47, native of Kampo, residing Zou Kah Dee (曹家渡).

Separate report submitted by P.S. Blakely.

Copies to:- D.C.(Divisions).

D.C.(Special Branch).

*R. Hui*  
D. S. I.

*W. Duncan*  
Sam. Det. i/c. 30/7  
"A".

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HEADQUARTERS  
CRIME BRANCH

JULY 21, 39.

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FURTHER TO JAPANESE SEARCH PARTY OPERATING ON

S. M. Q. PONTOON

Further to this report and regarding the remarks of G. of P. and D.C. (Crime) on diary 1. During the afternoon of the 20.7.39, the undersigned interviewed the Officer i/c of the River Police Halk moored to the Customs Jetty and was requested to return on the morning of the 21.7.39, when Mr. W.C. Woodfield, Chief of the River Police, would be present.

At 8.30 a.m. on the 21.7.39 the undersigned interviewed Mr. W.C. Woodfield and also Mr. Y. Sugiyama, Harbour Master (additional) and it was then pointed out that :

- 1) There is no such party as the "Japanese Customs Search Party" the party being made up of an International group and is called a "Customs Search Party".
- 2) At no time has the River Police supervised a search party on any Municipal pontoon, but one or two members of the force are present when the Customs Search Party are operating, solely to protect the party and to take over any

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seizures or arrested person.

- 3) The River Police have no connections what-so-ever with the Japanese Military Police and at no time have they worked with them on a Municipal pontoon.

Mr. Woodfield then explained that eight or ten Customs officers constantly carry out patrols and searches on the Municipal pontoons and are always accompanied by one or two members of the River Police, the latter however, have been given strict instructions that no searches are to be carried out by them.

He has personally noticed two or three members of the Japanese Military Police in plain clothes, accompanying the party, but these persons merely point out a suspect now and again and as far as he knows, do not search; this, Mr. Woodfield believes, is known to the Municipal Police who, up to the present, have closed their eyes to same.

The River Police Officer accompanying the Customs Search Party at 7 p.m. on the 18.7.36, on being questioned by Mr. Woodfield reported, that the searching at the time was carried out as aforementioned and no untoward incident occurred.

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In view of the aforementioned S.I. Biggs was questioned by the undersigned and stated that his reason for telephoning the station was because a party of Japanese on board the "S.S. Rensai" were preventing the passengers from coming ashore, he was later informed, however, that they were searching for suspected terrorists. Before the arrival of the detectives from Central Station the passengers were allowed to disembark and on gaining the pontoon some of them were searched by the Customs Search Party. No person in Military Uniform was seen on the pontoon and as far as is known by S.I. Biggs the searching on the pontoon was being carried out by the Customs Search Party.

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J. H. [Signature]  
D. S. 243.

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**Japanese Customs Search Party operating  
on S.M.C. Pontoon.**  
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*W.R.*  
At 7 p.m. 18/7/39 a telephone message was received from Mr. Sullivan, Land Sub-Station, asking for the services of a foreign detective and Japanese interpreter, at No. 1 Pontoon. He was sending the message on behalf of S.I. Biggs.

S.I. Kobayashi and the undersigned attended and ascertained that a Japanese Customs Search Party (about 10 men) was engaged in searching the passengers from the S/S Hsiang Kiang Nan, as they landed on the Pontoon. The Search Party was operating under the supervision of the River Police and Japanese Military Police. Chinese informers were also present.

S.I. Biggs informed the undersigned that the above officials had delayed the landing of passengers from the S.S. Remole a few minutes previously.

No untoward incidents occurred in either instance.

*W. Lane*  
S.M. DET. 1/8 19/7

*D.S. Jones*  
D. S. 123

D. D. O. "A".

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*1. 1. Special Report*

"A"

Misc. No. 462/39.

Central

May 29th.

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Two Chinese arrested by a Japanese Military  
aboard the s/s "Karsten" at Sw. 11 Portico.

Sir,

Information regarding the arrest aboard the s/s "Karsten" by the Japanese Military of a Chinese male and female on the evening of May 26 was received by Sub-Dep. Biggs at 8p.m. May 29.

Subsequent investigations obtained confirmation of the report that a Chinese male and female had been arrested aboard the s/s "Karsten" by the Japanese Military at approximately 10.15p.m. May 26.

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It is stated that the two persons were third class passengers and that four or five Japanese dressed in khaki uniform took them into custody.

Information available (not confirmed) is to the effect that the two arrested persons on being taken ashore were escorted in a Northerly direction along the Bund.

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The s/s "Karsten" had just arrived from Tsopoo (七浦) and was berthed alongside Municipal Pier No. 11 at the Bund.

The vessel flies the German flag and is owned by F. HILL & OTTO T.L. PETERSEN, 128 Kiango Road.

Inquiries at the River Police elicited that a



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Chinese male and female had been arrested aboard the s/s "Karsten" by a Customs Search Party (Japanese) and taken to the Walk at the Customs Jetty.

The female was subsequently the same evening released, the male is believed to have been handed over to the Japanese Military Gendarmerie.

Particulars regarding the two arrested persons are not available, and the River Police claim that they are not in possession of information regarding the nature of the charge against them or reason for their arrest.

Captain J. HOFLING who commands the s/s "Karsten" on being interviewed stated that he knew very little of the incident and had not been informed until the next morning on arriving at Thapae.

No report has been made to the German Consul-General by Captain HOFLING or the owners.

The arrest of these two people was carried out in a speedy manner and it is believed that information regarding them had been previously received.

It is reported that the Customs Search Parties work in close co-operation with the Japanese Military.

To proceed either to the River Police Walk or the Floating Restaurant it would be necessary for

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the party to pass along the Band.

It is not known if those carrying out the arrests were armed.

Copies attached for favour of passing to:-

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D.C.(Special Branch).  
S.P.O.

*R. L. I.*  
D. S. I.

*W. H. M. C.*  
Sen. Det. 1/c.

D. D. O. "A".

*Special Branch*

"A"

Misc. No. 244/39.

Central

Par. 25th,

39.

1.

Japanese Military Official calls on the  
Commissioner of Police

At 9.45a.m. on the 25-3-39, Lieutenant Colonel  
Igarashi attached to the Japanese Military Gendarmerie  
Headquarters called at the Police Headquarters to  
interview the Commissioner of Police. He left the  
Headquarters at 10a.m.

The members of the S.M.P. from Central Station ~~have~~  
<sup>were</sup> ~~been~~ posted for duty in the vicinity of the entrance of  
the Headquarters.

No untoward incident occurred.

*M. S. I.*

D. S. I.

*W. H. Duncan*  
Gen. Det. i/c. 26/3

D.D.O. "A" Div.

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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc. 178/39.

"A" Division.  
Central Police Station.  
3/3/39. 19

Diary Number:— I.		Nature of Offence:—	
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Japanese Consul -General calls upon the Chairman and members of the Council.

Sir,

The Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Y. Miura, accompanied by the Japanese naval and military attaches, called upon the Chairman and members of the Council at the Administration Building at 6.30 p.m. March 3 and left at 6.55 p.m. even date.

The usual police precautionary measures were taken and no untoward incident occurred.

A police escort furnished by Hongkew Station accompanied the party in and out of the Central District.

R. Huie  
D.S.I.

W. Duncan  
Sen. Det. I/C. 4/3

D.D.O. "C"

Copy to S.P.O. & Special Branch



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"N.C.D.N." Photo.

#### New River Police Sub-Station

This junk, loaned by the Japanese Navy, has been renovated and converted for use as the new Soochow Creek Sub-station of the Customs River Police. Moored near Honan Road Bridge, the sub-station will be headquarters for personnel engaged in controlling traffic and preventing congestion in Soochow Creek.

## River Police Open New Sub-Station

### Headquarters for Control Of Creek Traffic Posted Near Honan Road Bridge

In order to exercise more effective control over traffic in Soochow Creek a sub-station of the Customs River Police was yesterday established in Soochow Creek near Honan Road Bridge. This is the first time that a River Police sub-station has been stationed in the creek and it was due to the congestion of the waterway, which is daily becoming worse, that such a move was inaugurated.

The personnel of the new sub-station, consisting of four foreign officers and twenty Chinese under the direction of Sub-Inspector C. Avison, will be charged with the control of traffic on the waterway on the seven-mile stretch between Jessfield Bridge and the Whangpoo River. This duty was taken care of by personnel from the Pootung Point station of the Customs River Police in previous years but the limited number of launches and sampans made the task difficult.

With a new sub-station on the creek proper and with the employment of a launch and sampans for patrol duty a great saving in time will be accomplished. Since the hostilities broke in Shanghai the number of sampans using Soochow Creek and the junks lying on both sides of the creek have increased and have become a serious detriment to both the waterway and the trade of the port. It will be up to the personnel of the new sub-station to better conditions on the waterway and keep the channel open.

#### Japanese Loan Junk

A junk, loaned to the River Police by the Japanese Navy, has been renovated for use as the new sub-station and was towed yesterday morning. The vessel had been moored on the North side of the creek, near Honan Road Bridge, and was being chosen because of its position in the midst of heavy traffic. With the station located in the most congested spot in the creek, it is expected that this area will be considerably relieved. The new sub-station will be used to control traffic on the creek and prevent congestion.

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OCT 31 1939

## **RIVER POLICE TAKE OVER JETTIES**

**Will Patrol Pontoons  
9, 10 And 11 Under  
New System**

Effective to-morrow, November 1, the River Police will take over control of the pontoons Nos. 9, 10 and 11, and the frontage of these pontoons, it was learnt yesterday. Contrary to some reports, the Shanghai Municipal Police are not surrendering full control of the Bund to the River Police.

In the past the River Police have worked in conjunction with the Shanghai Municipal Police in the policing of the Customs Jetty pontoons. Under the new system, it will provide for better policing by the River Police controlling the Customs Jetty pontoons off the Bund where passengers arrive or disembark. The River Police will control the boats arriving and departing, and such other matters which hitherto has been done by the Shanghai Municipal Police at the Revenue Office.

The S.M.P. will retain full control, but will be assisted by the River Police in the control of these three pontoons.

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***River Police Control  
On Customs Jetty***

It was reported here last night that the Customs River Police would take over full police control on the Customs Jetty pontoons off The Bund from Wednesday. Hitherto these pontoons, where many passengers arrive from abroad or disembark for foreign ports, have been policed by the Shanghai Municipal Police. It is understood that henceforth foreign and Chinese members of the River Police will take over this duty and that at all times a foreigner will be posted on the pontoons. Official confirmation of the reports was lacking last night.

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## **Customs Jetty Patrolled By River Police**

River Police yesterday took over from the Shanghai Municipal Police the duty of patrolling Customs Jetty pontoons Nos. 9, 10 and 11. Contrary to current reports, the patrol duty will not affect the respective spheres of activity of the two forces.

Matters for police investigation, which arise on the pontoons themselves, will be taken over by the S.M.P., and problems concerning boats mooring alongside the jetty will be under control of the River Police. All court cases, whether on the river or on the pontoons, will be tried before the Special District Courts as previously.

Due to the restricted landing space along the Bund and the great demand for temporary mooring the time limit of small harbor craft desiring to take on or discharge passengers has been restricted by the River Police to 10 minutes. As many of these small boats overstay the limit, it has been found more convenient to patrol the pontoons with River Police officers who have jurisdiction over them.

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